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A.—Yes. The Government of His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad have suggested that the total cost of the bridge, viz., Rs. 6·6 lakhs, may be shared equally by them and this Government. The proposal is under the consideration of this Government.

Heavy licence fees on buses plying for hire.

* 537 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been made to the Government regarding the heavy rate of licence fees charged by any of the district boards on buses plying for hire and, if so, from which districts such complaints have been received; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by the Government to prevent local bodies from charging excessive licence fees?

A.—(*a*) Yes, in respect of the rates of licence fees levied by the following district boards—
(1) Ganjam, (2) Vizagapatam, (3) West Godavari, (4) Kistna, (5) Guntur, (6) Malabar, (7) East Godavari, (8) Kurnool and (9) South Kanara.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Inclusion of a portion of the Saidapet Municipality into the limits of the Corporation of Madras.

* 538 *Q.*— Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman of the Saidapet Municipality has addressed the Government that the residents of the portion of Mambalam now in the Saidapet Municipality desire to be included in the Madras municipal limits; if so, whether any reason has been adduced for it; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take?

A.—(*a*) The Saidapet Municipal Council some time ago submitted proposals for the exclusion of the area in question from the limits of the municipality.

(*b*) The proposals are being examined by the Collector of Chingleput and will be considered by Government on receipt of his remarks.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Collector of Chingleput has since submitted his report?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"Not yet."